West St. Sept 28th 1840.

4 o'clock P. M.

Dear Lucia,

I meant to have written a few lines more by Newey, but he went off before I was up. I called at Channing Pl this morning & Mary here; also Collins & Bishop. Mary brought me Wendell's last letter. Mrs Alcott goes the middle of next month to England with her brother Henry; from England she will go to Paris where she is to meet the Phillips'. At noon Warren brought a large package from H. Martineau which on being opened contained a large package for Mrs Follen which we concluded were Dr F's letters to Harriet, a letter for Dr Channing, a letter from Harriet herself to Maria, a note from Mrs Jameson to Harriet & a letter from Lady Byron to Mrs Jameson - The letter from Lady B was two sheets in length, sensible but rather prosy; the burden of it was what the Convention omitted to do in not warmly urging the Anti Slavery education of the rising generation. It is for the Liberty Bell; not that her ladyship designed it for that, but as H. M. applied to Mrs Jameson for an article & Mrs J. was so much occupied with her dying father

that she could do nothing she sent, Miss Jones Lady B's letter to her. It must be published without Lady B's name but it may be mentioned Harriet says, in conversation — The letter was dated further back than the one which came Friday. Then again there is a very good article from Harriet Hosey — very suitable for a book like the Bell. Mr Kingsbury has just left the books & I will him I should like to write. A little communication has been begun between us & the Peabody's. They have sent in to borrow our church Reformer. — I have bought myself a pr of shoes just as you did & shall send pay for both yrs & mine the 1st of Oct when my annuity comes. Henry has been down in town to-day. He is looking better & getting stronger, but living with him gives one the settled idea that he is a short lived man. He does not seem as if he could bear any thing. He is the very model of little Henry. — Maria is very much misled. I never saw her better — not but that she has a very bad cold in her head & throat, but she seems well bodily & mentally. The last line reads queer, but what I mean is that

she is able to manage very well with Henry, who never having been used to picking requires great care & patience - Wednesday I am to pass the day at Henrietta's. Caroline is to come & spend the night. She & I also design taking tea at Mrs Allen's some afternoon this week. Whenever there is a chance you may send [redacted]; my [redacted] I mean — I am in no special hurry but perhaps you I may need it.

Poor little Gertrude has her mother's cold but is the best of babies —

Yours ever A.W.W.

after I get a little settled I am trying to shall try to get time for a little Italian.

I liked my new straw of course, tho' I should not have taken the responsibility of getting it myself

Miss Lucia Weston.

Weymouth

Mrs Kingsbury.

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